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REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending. Claims 5-16 and 20-39 were withdrawn from consideration due to non-elected species.

With this amendment, claims 17 and 18 are amended to remove the informalities indicated by the Examiner. Claims 2 and 4 are canceled in favor of the prosecution of the remaining pending claims.

Independent claim 1 is amended. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not disclosed or suggested by Robbins (US 2002/0063322) and Ishii (US 6,903,860), either individually or in combination.

Specifically, claim 1 as amended expressly recites, among other features, a first glass substrate that is transmissive to visible light; a getter material and / or a lubricant material disposed on the first glass substrate; and a package enclosing the first glass substrate, the package comprising a second glass substrate. These features are nowhere disclosed or suggested by Robbins or Ishii.

In contrast, Robbins discloses a method of anchoring the getter mater within the package by depositing the getter material on the bond wires that connect the elements on the semiconductor substrate to the package substrate. Robbins does not teach or suggest the first and second glass substrate, on one of which the getter and/or lubricant material is disposed, and the other one is a member of the package, as recited in claim 1. Ishii does not remedy the deficiency.

Ishii discloses a micromirror device and an insulating substrate that can be glass or ceramic (line 41+, column 11). Ishii does not teach or suggest the first and second glass substrate, on one of which the getter and/or lubricant material is disposed, and the other one is a member of the package, as recited in claim 1.

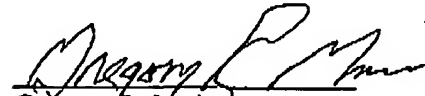
Because Robbins and Ishii teach away, either individually or in combination, from the invention of claim 1, claim 1 is patentable over Robbins and Ishii. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. In the event any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 501516.

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